Report of the Major and Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police District of Columbia

1929

PUBLIC LIBRARY
DEC 4 1929
WASHINGTON

REPORT OF THE

MAJOR AND SUPERINTENDENT

OF THE

Metropolitan Police

District of Columbia

FOR

1929

HENRY G. PRATT
Major and Superintendent

UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE
WASHINGTON : 1929

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MAJOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE METROPOLITAN POLICE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, D. C., *August 1, 1929.*

To the COMMISSIONERS:

Submitted herewith is report of the operations of the Metropolitan police department of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929.

The Metropolitan police district of the District of Columbia at present is divided into 14 police precincts, exclusive of the harbor precinct, jurisdiction of which includes that portion of the Potomac River and its navigable tributaries and shores lying within the District of Columbia, and all wharves and landings on said shores.

The following table gives the approximate area in square miles of each police precinct, the figures submitted including land and water and Federal reservations:

Precincts and area in square miles

No. 1	0. 6446	No. 9	3. 1544
No. 2	1. 3979	No. 10	3. 6304
No. 3	2. 9812	No. 11	17. 5342
No. 4	6. 0724	No. 12	8. 0302
No. 5	2. 3316	No. 13	5. 6126
No. 6	. 8171	No. 14	9. 4604
No. 7	5. 5975		
No. 8	1. 9754	Total area	69. 2399

The authorized uniform force as of June 30, 1929, comprises a total of 1,313 members, inclusive of 51 special street-railway crossing officers, said street-railway crossing officers being subject to the same rules and regulations and entitled to the same privileges as are other members of the force, their salaries, however, being paid by the several street-railway companies.

There were also carried on the rolls as of June 30, 1929, a total of 76 civilian employees.

As of June 30, 1929, the officers and employees of the Metropolitan police department were classified as follows:

Major and superintendent	1
Assistant superintendents	2
Inspectors	4
Captains	14
Lieutenants	23
Sergeants	57
Privates	1, 161
Total, regular force	1, 262
Privates (street-railway crossing force)	51
Civilian employees	76
Grand total, Metropolitan police department	1, 389

The following table shows the disposition of the above force, with the exception of the civilian employees and street-railway crossing officers, for the 24 hours ended at 8 o'clock a. m. July 1, 1929.

This table is fairly representative of the disposition of the uniformed force for any 24 hours during the year.

Particular attention is invited to the total number available for patrol duty, which in the table submitted is as follows:

Automobile patrol	44
Bicycle patrol	17
Horse-mounted patrol	14
Motor-cycle patrol	34
Foot patrol (including sergeants)	421
Total	530

This figure represents the total uniformed patrol for the entire 24 hours, which period of time is divided into three shifts of 8 hours each, from which it will be seen that one-third of that number, or about 176, are on duty at any given time, affording police protection and service to a population variously estimated at 530,000 souls in an area of approximately 70 square miles.

It is submitted that the only equitable method for computing the number of police officers per square mile, or per unit of population, is the method herein adopted, namely, that of taking only the actual number of men on duty.

	Sick	Leave	Suspended	Days off	Detailed	Total absent	Special duty	Reserve	Traffic posts	Drivers	Auto patrol	Bicycle patrol	Horse-mounted patrol	Motor-cycle patrol	Foot patrol, including sergeants	On duty above rank of sergeants	Total force
Headquarters and detective bureau		1		20		21	8			3					38	6	76
Traffic bureau	3	1		29		33	6					5		5		1	50
Woman's bureau				7		7	3								12		22
First precinct	4	2		37	2	45	7	3	4	3		3			24	1	90
Second precinct	1	5	1	22	2	31	8	3		3		2			48	1	96
Third precinct	10	8	1	26	1	46	7	3		6				2	31	2	97
Fourth precinct	4	6	1	18	2	31	14	3		3		2		2	31	1	87
Fifth precinct	2	6		17	1	26	7	3		3		1		2	26	1	69
Sixth precinct	1	6		15	2	24	11	3		3		2		1	31	1	76
Seventh precinct	4	6		12	3	25	7	3		3	3		3	3	24	2	73
Eighth precinct	2	3		18		23	8	3		3		1		1	37	1	77
Ninth precinct	2	4		19		25	7	3	2	6		1		1	32	1	78
Tenth precinct	7	4		20	2	33	7	3		6				3	33	2	87
Eleventh precinct	3	6	1	20	3	33	8	3		3	7		5	1	17	1	78
Twelfth precinct	1	5		11	3	20	7	3		3	12		2	5	6	2	60
Thirteenth precinct	2	4		11		17	7	3	1	3	13		1	6	10	1	62
Fourteenth precinct	3	3		17	1	24	8	3		2	9		3	2	9	1	61
Harbor precinct				5		5	4								12	1	22
Total regular force	49	70	4	324	22	469	134	42	7	53	44	17	14	34	421	26	1,261
Street-railway crossing force	1			49		50									1		51
Civilian employees	4	3													69		76
Grand total	54	73	4	373	22	519	134	42	7	53	44	17	14	34	491	26	1,388

In this, as in all other police departments, the assignment of a certain number of men to specialized work is essential to the efficient operations of the force and to the rendition of proper police service to the public.

As of July 1, 1929, there were 269 special duty and detail assignments in effect, as follows:

Lieutenants:	
Personnel officer	1
Liaison officer with the Civil Service Commission	1
Night inspection service	2
Total	4
Sergeants:	
Night inspection service	2
In charge of traffic repair shop	1
In charge of storeroom	1
In charge of hack inspection service	1
In charge of central telephone bureau, detective bureau	1
In charge of special squads for enforcement of liquor and gambling laws	2
Special investigation, traffic bureau	1
Total	9
Privates—clerical assignments:	
Traffic bureau—	
Clerks, station	3
Clerk, record	1
Clerks, general clerical work	2
Total	6
Detective bureau—	
Clerks, station	4
Clerk, record of arrests bureau	1
Clerk, office of chief of detectives	1
Clerk, bureau of lost and stolen property	1
Total	7
Police headquarters—	
Clerks, personnel office	2
Clerk, assistant to property clerk	1
Clerks, storeroom	3
Clerk, file	1
Clerks, pay roll, equipment, etc	2
Total	9
Police precincts—	
Clerks, station	50
Privates assigned as patrol drivers:	
Assistant superintendent, detective bureau, automobile	1
House of detention vehicles	2
Emergency reserve units	9
Police court van	1
At precincts and bureaus	45
Total	58

Privates—miscellaneous assignments:	
Highway Bridge over Potomac River	3
Municipal Building (outside)	1
Patrol signal system (all stations)	42
Photographers, detective bureau	2
Examiners for permits at traffic bureau	6
Traffic posts (8 hours each)	15
Union Station (8 hours each)	6
Railroad station, Seventh and Virginia Avenue SW	1
School Street supply shop	3
Special squads for enforcing liquor and gambling laws	8
Enforcing liquor laws in precincts	13
Assistant hack inspectors	2
Precinct detectives	13
Police court van (guard)	2
Disbursing office (guard)	1
Tax collector's office (guard)	1
Police court (outside)	1
Police court (assistant corporation counsel's office)	3
United States attorney's office	2
Printer, Daily Bulletin	1
Total	126
Grand total	269

REGULAR FORCE

June 30, 1928:	
Available force	1, 285
Full complement	1, 285
June 30, 1929:	
Resigned	20
Removed	34
Died	10
Pensioned	18
Total	82
Appointments	58
Authorized complement	1, 262
Vacancy	1
Total available force as of June 30, 1929	1, 261

STREET CROSSING FORCE

June 30, 1928:		
Available force		63
Full complement		63
June 30, 1929:		
Pensioned	1	
Resigned	16	
Total		17
Vacancies unfilled (reduction of force)	12	
Appointments	5	
Total		17
Authorized complement as of June 30, 1929		51
Total available force as of June 30, 1929		51

DISCIPLINE

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the department, in its endeavor to maintain that rigid standard of discipline so necessary to the general efficiency of the force, found it necessary to institute trial-board proceedings in 337 cases, the results being as follows:

Dropped either during or at the expiration of the probationary year for unsatisfactory service	3
Fined	147
Charges dismissed	87
Removed	31
Required to pay debt	13
Warned	28
Deprived of part of annual leave	11
Filed (officers removed on other charges)	10
Recommended for removal (pending July 1, 1929)	3
Finding of the trial board reversed	4
Total	337

Statistics as to homicides committed during the fiscal years covered by this report, with comparative figures for the four previous fiscal years

MURDERS

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Murders committed	31	42	39	35	50
Arrests made	38	40	36	27	54
Arrests made for murder committed in 1921	0	0	1	0	0
Arrests made for murder committed in 1924	1	0	0	0	0
Cases in which no arrests have been made	1	2	3	8	3
Murderers committed suicide	2	0	2	2	5
Victims:					
White	8	7	9	8	14
Colored	23	35	30	27	36
Male	25	32	29	23	35
Female	6	10	10	12	15
Committed by:					
White	9	6	9	4	19
Colored	32	36	31	32	40
Male	35	36	35	31	51
Female	6	6	5	5	8
Means used:					
Automobiles	1	0	0	0	0
Blunt instrument	2	1	1	1	1
Bottle	0	0	0	1	1
Brick	1	1	1	2	1
Carbolic acid	0	0	0	1	0
Crank handle	0	0	1	0	1
Cloth, strangled with	1	0	0	0	0
Fist, struck with, causing death	0	1	1	0	1
Gas	2	0	0	0	1
Iron bar	0	0	1	0	0
Knife	4	15	5	6	4
Kicked in stomach	0	0	0	1	1
Lamp	0	1	0	0	0
Neck broken by physiotherapist	0	0	0	1	0
Pipe, iron	0	1	0	1	0
Pick handle	1	0	0	0	0
Razor	1	0	0	0	0
Revolver	18	17	27	19	28
Shovel	0	1	1	1	0
Shotgun	0	1	0	0	2
Strangled	0	1	0	0	2
Stick	0	1	0	0	0
Thrown from step	0	1	0	0	0
Wrench	1	0	0	0	1
Drowned	0	0	0	0	1
Sharp instrument	0	0	0	0	1
Knocked down	0	0	0	0	1
Rifle	0	0	0	0	1
Not known	0	0	0	0	1
Ice pick	0	0	0	0	1

Statistics as to homicides committed during the fiscal years covered by this report, with comparative figures for the four previous fiscal years—Continued

MANSLAUGHTER

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Manslaughter committed	14	21	20	22	16
Arrests made	17	29	23	26	18
Arrests made for death which occurred in 1926	0	0	2	0	0
Victims:					
Male	8	13	12	17	13
Female	6	8	8	5	3
White	10	17	14	15	11
Colored	4	4	6	7	5
Committed by:					
Male	17	29	23	26	17
Female	0	0	0	0	1
White	13	18	18	20	10
Colored	4	11	5	6	8
Means used:					
Brick	1	0	0	0	0
Cave in of excavation	0	0	0	1	0
Collapse of building	0	0	0	0	1
Elevator	1	0	0	0	0
Gas	0	1	1	0	0
Lamp	0	1	0	0	0
Motor vehicles	11	15	19	17	11
Revolvers	0	1	0	0	3
Struck with fist	0	1	0	4	1
Thrown from horse	0	1	0	0	0
Forcibly being held in chair	1	0	0	0	0
Street cars	0	1	0	0	0

STATUS OF THE ABOVE CASES FOR 1929

MURDERS

Guilty, murder, first degree; to be executed	2
Guilty, second degree, 30 years	2
Guilty, second degree, 20 years	3
Guilty, second degree, 25 years	1
Guilty, second degree, not sentenced	1
Guilty, manslaughter, 6 years	1
Guilty, manslaughter, 8 years	1
Tried, verdict "Not guilty"	3
Ignored by grand jury	11
Nol-prossed	3
Indicted for murder, second degree	3
Indicted for murder, first degree	10
Held for grand jury, no action returned	13

MANSLAUGHTER

Ignored by grand jury	10
Held for grand jury; no action returned	5
Indicted	3
Manslaughter charges in traffic deaths	13
Manslaughter charges in other deaths	5

VICE REPRESSION

The department continues its active campaign against gambling and vice, as will be evidenced by the following figures with comparative table for the fiscal year 1928:

	1928	1929	Increase	Decrease
Adultery	161	179	18	
Fornication	659	759	100	
Keeping bawdyhouse	1	2	1	
Keeping disorderly house	302	334	32	
Pandering	2	5	3	
Soliciting prostitution	103	167	64	
Vagrancy	832	820		12
Violation of white slave traffic law	19	8		11
Making handbook on races	46	31		15
Setting up gaming tables	188	89		99
Permitting gambling	539	464		75
Violation of antinarcotic law	36	28		8
Violation of antilottery law	7	233	226	
Permitting sale of lottery tickers on premises	1	32	31	
Total	2,896	3,151	475	220

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAWS

From the following statistics for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, with comparative tables for the four preceding fiscal years, it is evident that the department has in no measure relaxed its intensive campaign in the enforcement of the liquor laws.

Through an arrangement with the Internal Revenue Bureau, 38 members of the force have been vested with authority as special prohibition agents. In each precinct one officer is especially assigned to the duty of enforcing the liquor laws, and in addition thereto there are two special squads, each in command of a sergeant, one of which squads devotes its efforts exclusively to the enforcement of the prohibition laws and the other to the enforcement of the prohibition and the gambling laws, these two squads operate immediately under the direction of the major and superintendent of police.

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Volstead law:					
Conspiracy to defeat the Volstead law	48	22	12	10	10
Illegal possession of liquor	2,949	2,943	2,820	3,614	3,126
Selling liquor	1,452	1,070	1,018	1,556	1,077
Transporting liquor	1,181	1,158	983	825	912
Maintaining a nuisance under the Volstead law	28	21	4	12	13
Destroying evidence in liquor cases	7	3	0	7	1
Manufacturing liquor	41	102	53	89	71
Illegal possession of still	9	31	9	20	15
Miscellaneous offenses	40	4	0	9	1
Total arrests for Volstead law	5,755	5,354	4,899	6,142	5,226
Sheppard law:					
Intoxication	10,869	12,891	13,588	13,796	13,942
Operating a vehicle while intoxicated [1]	712	770	40	26	3
Drinking in public	232	161	115	131	111
Total arrests for Sheppard law	11,813	13,822	13,743	13,953	14,056
Seizures under Volstead Act:					
Alcohol—gallons	2,478	1,058	602	1,896	1,690
Brandy—do	75	392	391	518	170
Benedictine—do	4	5	0	0	0
Champagne—do	6	13	39	6	48
Cognac—do	73	25	38	0	1
Gin—do	573	271	203	273	418
Cordials—do	0	0	0	0	0
Rum—do	27	8	6	51	58
Whisky—do	13,685	20,966	23,916	21,057	25,126
Creme de menthe—do	0	0	8	6	0
Vermuth—do	0	0	2	0	0

[1] Operating a motor vehicle while drunk is carried under "Traffic regulations."

	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Seizures under Volstead Act—Continued.					
Cider.....gallons	4,088	728	100	223	107
Wine.....do	887	2,158	261	1,619	863
Total gallons liquor seized	21,896	25,624	25,566	25,649	28,481
Ale.....bottles	0	0	0	0	240
Beer.....barrels	20	27	0	0	0
Do.....gallons	0	1,196	82	80	168
Do.....bottles	4,485	5,130	13,420	19,048	23,766
Extracts.....do	745	414	72	0	0
Mash.....gallons	7,347	51,200	47,352	74,148	66,916
Stills	54	114	95	116	58
Vehicles—					
Bicycles	1	6	13	8	5
Motor vehicles	301	413	555	471	550
Wagons	3	8	6	1	0
Total vehicles seized	305	427	574	480	555

The following is a general statement as to activities of the force as concerns arrests for felonies and misdemeanors, with comparative figures for the preceding fiscal year:

	1928	1929	Decrease	Increase
Arrests for felonies	5,113	4,775	338	
Arrests for misdemeanors	97,820	116,802		18,982
Grand total of arrests	102,933	121,577		18,644

DETECTIVE BUREAU

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, 12,850 local cases were reported and assignments made in the detective bureau.

In addition thereto the bureau established 2,307 new files, received and answered 1,240 letters from other jurisdictions requesting information on miscellaneous subjects, and investigated and acted on a total of 1,080 cases for other jurisdictions.

Activities of detective bureau

Value of property reported stolen, including 3,614 automobiles	$1,983,530.50
Value of property reported lost	69,301.00
Total value of lost and stolen property	2,052,831.50
Value of property recovered	485,390.60
Total number of convictions	2,435
Cases nol-prossed	275
Cases dismissed	935
Cases pending or otherwise disposed of	650
Total number of arrests made by detective bureau	4,295

AUTOMOBILE THEFT PROBLEM

The extent to which thefts of this character have grown is a matter of grave concern to this as well as other police departments. Five detective sergeants are assigned to the automobile squad and

devote their entire time and attention to reports of thefts of automobiles, and the record established by the force in general and by this squad in particular is an enviable one, as will be evidenced by the following figures:

Number of automobiles reported stolen	3,614
Recovered by automobile squad, detective bureau	985
Recovered by precincts and owners	2,371
Total recovered	3,356
Automobiles reported stolen not as yet recovered	258
Arrests by automobile squad	489
Convictions	252
Cases nol-prossed	30
Cases dismissed	100
Cases pending	107
Total	489

Value of property recovered by automobile squad, $353,589.48.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION

This bureau operates under the supervision and command of the assistant superintendent in charge of the detective bureau. The following is a statement of the work accomplished during the fiscal year:

Prisoners photographed, measured, and fingerprinted	1,964
Scenes of crime photographed	76
Scenes of accidents photographed	15
Unknown dead photographed	4
Photographs of criminals copied	50
Documents photographed	4
Miscellaneous subjects photographed	218
Scenes of crime inspected for fingerprint evidence	368
Number of scenes at which fingerprints were found	86
Total photographs made:	
Small size	6,252
Large size	320
Photographs from other jurisdictions added to bureau	1,771
Fingerprint records added to bureau	4,437
Identifications made	835
Photographs and fingerprints forwarded to other jurisdictions	1,036
Identifications made by the United States Bureau	91
Identifications made by other jurisdictions	64
Photographs and fingerprints forwarded to the United States Bureau, Department of Justice	360
Identifications made by the United States Bureau of photographs previously sent there by this bureau	368

SANITARY BUREAU

Four hundred and sixty-six persons were taken into custody by the police and held for mental observation, the following dispositions being made of such cases:

Certified to be insane by visiting physicians to Gallinger Hospital and transferred to St. Elizabeths Hospital	122
Certified to be insane by physicians other than those connected with the hospital	34
Turned over to relatives and friends or discharged	274
Deceased	1
Pending	35
Total	466

TRAFFIC BUREAU

The traffic bureau is under the supervision and command of an assistant superintendent, who, under the direction of the major and superintendent, cooperates with the director of traffic.

The personnel as of July 1, 1929, was as follows:

Assistant superintendent	1
Lieutenant	1
Sergeants	6
Special street railway crossing policemen	51
Privates	42
Civilian employees	6

Three sergeants are mounted on motor cycles and are assigned to duty supervising the work of the street railway crossing officers and motor-cycle and bicycle privates assigned to general traffic work.

The 51 special street railway crossing officers, whose salaries are paid by the several street railway companies, are assigned to the various street railway intersections for the regulation of traffic.

Fourteen privates are mounted on motor cycles; 10 on bicycles; 2 assigned to duty as drivers; 3 assigned as assistants to the public-vehicle inspector, who holds the rank of sergeant; 8 are assigned as examiners of applicants for operators' permits; and 9 as station, file, and record clerks. Of the 6 civilian employees, 3 are statistical clerks; 1 is a stenographer and clerk; 1 a laborer, and 1 a janitor.

Perhaps the most important function of the traffic bureau is the examination of applicants for permits to operate motor vehicles in the District of Columbia and the extent to which this work is growing each year is evidenced by the following figures:

Applications received:	
Fiscal year ended June 30, 1928	44,682
Fiscal year ended June 30, 1929	50,326
Increase	5,644

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1928, 12,225 such applications were disapproved after examination and test or both, and during the fiscal year 1929, 14,189 such applications were disapproved.

The bureau also operates a headlight testing station for testing headlights free of charge.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, 7,074 such tests were made, a decrease of 388 from that of the preceding year.

The reduction in the number of headlight tests was due to the frequent closing of E Street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets NW., and also due to the fact that for a long time E Street was a one-way street eastbound.

Representatives of the traffic bureau test brakes on all automobiles involved in accidents or whenever an officer believes that the brakes of an automobile do not comply with the traffic regulations.

During the fiscal year covered by this report 1,029 such tests were made.

The bureau investigated 1,256 traffic complaints, character reports, and applications for special traffic signs; served 1,093 orders suspending or revoking operators' permits.

HACK INSPECTION SERVICE

During the year a survey of the public vehicle stands was made and a revised list submitted to the District Commissioners, which they approved on January 8, 1929, and which provides for approximately 587 public vehicles.

This is a decrease of space for 288 vehicles from the previous year, and was brought about by abolishing stands that were not used. However, there was an increase of 309 livery tags issued for public vehicles that are not required to occupy public stands.

ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES

There were 88 traffic deaths during the fiscal year covered by this report as against the same number for the preceding year; 3,301 sustained injuries of either a serious or minor character, and accidents resulting in property damage totaled 3,669 as against 1,958 during the preceding fiscal year.

BOARD OF SURGEONS

The board of surgeons reports, 9,300 visits to the clinic by members of the force and considers this indicative of the fact that officers are availing themselves of the medical facilities provided by Congress.

The members of the board of surgeons made 1,310 visits to the homes of members of the force on account of injuries and illness, and, ni addition to its duties in connection with the police and fire departments, rendered like service on 420 occasions to members of the United States park police force and on 73 occasions to members of the White House police force.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

The department has hopes of securing 25 additional members in order that the school of instruction can be extended to cover a 3-month period, as it is not felt that the school, operated as it has been in the past with classes for a month only, by any means meets the requirements of the department, as it is believed that it is absolutely necessary to train and instruct new recruits before assigning them to the actual discharge of police duty. But this can not be undertaken unless the additional number of men referred to is appropriated for, as the urgent need for police service will not permit of the necessary assignments from the personnel of the present force to attend the school except for short periods of time.

WOMAN'S BUREAU AND HOUSE OF DETENTION

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the woman's bureau dealt with cases actually involving 699 defendants, a decrease of 143 as compared with the preceding year. Of this number 206 were married females; 374 single females; 19 married males, and 100 single males.

The bureau received 2,715 complaints of which number 2,386 were adjusted; 141 are still pending, and 188 are on the inactive calendar.

Of these complaints 497 were from private citizens; 128 from neighbors of the persons against whom complaints were made; 267 from

parents; 364 from relatives; 127 were anonymous; 446 originated in other branches of the police department; 590 with the woman's bureau patrol force; 97 from private agencies; 155 from public agencies; 35 from out of town agencies; and 9 from out of town police departments.

The complaints involved 1,116 persons under 17 years of age; 359 between the ages of 17 and 21, and 1,240 persons over 21 years of age.

The following is a tabulation of admissions to the house of detention during the fiscal year:

Under 17 years of age:		Between 17 and 21:	
White males	245	White females	163
White females	109	Colored females	266
Total	354	Total	429
Colored males	371	21 years and over:	
Colored females	88	White females	524
		Colored females	1,218
Total	459		
		Total	1,742
Total white and colored	813		
		Grand total	2,984

Report of the chief, (also property), clerk

Estimated value of property on hand July 1, 1928	$66,528.55
Received during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929	1,203,023.90
Total to be accounted for	1,269,552.45
Delivered to owners by order of court or upon proof of ownership	1,102,297.59
Delivered to owners on bond	57,620.25
Delivered to administrators	16,255.80
Disposed of in accordance with the law and the orders of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia:	
Sold at auction	26,243.86
Destroyed	1,799.50
Balance on hand July 1, 1929	65,335.45
Total accounted for	1,269,552.45

Estimated value of property delivered to the property clerk, Metropolitan police, District of Columbia, by the different precincts, woman's bureau, traffic bureau, detective bureau, and the coroner's office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929

	June 30, 1929	June 30, 1928		June 30, 1929	June 30, 1928
First precinct	$72,213.56	$139,995.24	Twelfth precinct	$18,799.14	$22,064.81
Second precinct	68,623.68	110,391.41	Thirteenth precinct	18,501.91	23,372.78
Third precinct	47,664.05	88,013.43	Fourteenth precinct	32,812.02	51,765.17
Fourth precinct	35,561.72	57,101.45	Harbor precinct	4,023.00	5,457.25
Fifth precinct	44,121.91	57,859.23	Woman's bureau	5,832.69	5,233.28
Sixth precinct	45,366.86	76,503.11	Traffic bureau	30,858.52	34,633.66
Seventh precinct	20,652.79	43,095.95	Coroner's office	707.32	889.92
Eighth precinct	85,180.00	95,983.84	Detective bureau	485,390.60	554,069.46
Ninth precinct	72,767.59	75,277.41			
Tenth precinct	64,358.59	110,485.14	Total	1,203,023.90	1,602,917.74
Eleventh precinct	49,587.95	50,725.20			

Report of sales

July 19, 1928	$247.25	Apr. 26, 1929	231.50
Sept. 17, 1928	159.00	May 23, 1929	772.10
Oct. 19, 1928	239.50	May 31, 1929	360.00
Dec. 7, 1928	1,301.79		
Feb. 1, 1929	153.00	Total accounted for	3,492.14
Feb. 16, 1929	28.00		

Abstract of expenditures of the Metropolitan police department during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929

CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Appropriation	$60,000.00
Expended as follows:	
Composing machine, (linotype), repairs and parts	46.73
Furniture, (linens), etc	2,472.03
Gas and electricity	9,426.36
Laundry	334.69
Meals for prisoners	11,374.30
Miscellaneous, (awnings, badges, brooms, brushes, directories, hose, ice, kerosene, lamps, lanterns, linoleum, newspapers, photo supplies, rewards, rent of phones, removal of ashes, screens, storage, soaps, telephone tolls, telegrams, typewriters, etc.)	14,623.65
Prevention and detection of crime	11,970.73
Printers' supplies	230.50
Printing, blank forms, etc	4,708.41
Repairs to stations, (miscellaneous)	1,851.16
Revolvers, cartridges, holsters	352.80
Stationery	2,114.73
Unexpended balance	493.91
Total	60,000.00

FUEL

Appropriation	8,500.00
Expended as follows:	
374 tons white-ash stove coal	4,910.76
35 tons white-ash furnace coal	473.90
65 tons white-ash egg coal	837.03
110 tons bituminous, run of mine coal	614.35
138 tons bituminous, Pocahontas lump coal	956.44
13 cords wood, pine	199.32
Unexpended balance	83.20
General reserve	425.00
Total	8,500.00

HARBOR PATROL

Appropriation	2,000.00
Expended as follows:	
Gasoline, oils, lubricants	704.97
Machinery, furniture, repairs	792.86
Miscellaneous, (brooms, buckets, laundry, polish, soaps, etc.)	280.97
General reserve	100.00
Unexpended balance	121.20
Total	2,000.00

HOUSE OF DETENTION

Appropriation	$11,000.00
Deficiency appropriation	3,000.00
Total appropriation	14,000.00
Expended as follows:	
Food and groceries	5,453.77
Fuel	1,142.46
Furniture, furnishings, linens	1,817.79
Gas and electricity	1,078.85
Miscellaneous, (blanks, brooms, brushes, clothing, dry goods, ice, removal of refuse, shoes, soaps, telephones, etc.)	2,511.12
Moving into new quarters	400.00
Repairs to building, (fixtures installed, etc.)	1,339.85
Unexpended balance	256.16
Total	14,000.00

MOTOR VEHICLES

Appropriation	60,000.00
Expended as follows:	
Automobile replacements	13,199.10
Casings and tubes	4,083.91
Gasoline, oils, lubricants	17,523.64
Miscellaneous, (bulbs, paints, polish, soaps, etc.)	370.72
Repairs and parts, (automobiles)	14,466.75
Repairs and parts, (motor cycles)	10,233.37
Unexpended balance	122.51
Total	60,000.00

UNIFORMS

Appropriation	67,075.00
Expended as follows:	
Expended	66,972.71
Unexpended balance	102.29
Total	67,075.00

Motor patrol service

MILEAGE

Quarter	Precincts																	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Service shop	Traffic bureau	Headquarters	Motor cycles	Total
First	1,080	4,508	2,789	4,022	2,410	1,764	9,765	1,926	3,314	1,658	32,775	33,897	32,938	25,600	1,615	4,585	33,419	151,044	349,109
Second	2,130	2,692	3,045	5,076	2,282	2,623	7,097	1,720	3,607	2,412	32,510	38,191	21,290	25,900	1,931	4,929	30,332	147,395	335,162
Third	1,665	3,207	4,611	5,317	2,317	2,371	5,635	2,550	3,134	2,050	30,833	36,126	19,037	26,162	2,243	4,570	39,029	132,534	323,391
Fourth	1,825	2,601	2,193	5,816	2,385	2,126	7,012	2,150	2,168	1,721	33,659	38,750	42,652	28,490	3,029	3,078	44,020	145,074	368,749
Total	6,700	13,008	12,638	20,231	9,394	8,884	29,509	8,346	12,223	7,841	129,777	146,964	115,917	106,152	8,818	17,162	146,800	576,047	1,376,411

RUNS MADE

First	302	2,389	604	971	1,086	902	2,032	856	798	474	7,162	7,923	8,108	8,022	390	878	6,353	----------	49,250
Second	1,326	1,693	732	1,393	854	1,200	1,009	710	720	255	7,616	7,964	5,008	7,562	447	1,212	5,917	----------	45,618
Third	1,072	1,453	970	1,419	855	1,104	918	846	766	337	6,567	7,073	4,404	6,573	202	1,245	7,878	----------	43,682
Fourth	1,134	1,540	1,069	1,503	992	1,146	1,465	375	687	328	7,731	8,012	8,404	7,010	386	1,318	10,055	----------	53,155
Total	3,834	7,075	3,375	5,286	3,787	4,352	5,424	2,787	2,971	1,394	29,076	30,972	25,924	29,167	1,425	4,653	30,203	----------	191,705

Cost of maintenance of motor vehicles (automobiles)	$30,394.38	Mileage	860,364
Average cost per mile	$0.03797	Cost of maintenance of motor vehicles (motor cycles)	$9,759.24
Average cost per run	$0.1586	Average cost per mile	$0.01694
Average length of each run (miles)	4.1771	Mileage	576,047

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are based upon careful study of the present and future needs of the department, to the end that that character of efficient and effective police service demanded by the taxpayer may be rendered.

Due thought has been given to the growth of the city's population within the past few years as well as to the probable future growth thereof.

(1) *Increase of force.*—I recommend, as a matter of most urgent necessity, the enactment of legislation providing for an immediate increase in the Metropolitan police force to a minimum of 1,500 patrolmen and 16 additional lieutenants. The members of the department have been enjoying the 8-hour privilege since it was authorized, excepting lieutenants assigned to precinct stations, and the proposed increase in the number of these officers is to provide for 1 additional lieutenant at each of the 14 station houses and bureaus, thereby enabling the department to put each member of the force on an 8-hour basis.

On page 2 of this report will be found figures representative of the total patrol force available for a period of 24 hours, which force, divided into three shifts of 8 hours each, provides a total patrol force actually on duty at any one time of only 176 men, in an area of approximately 70 square miles.

Police problems are daily becoming more numerous and more complex, and in order to meet and satisfactorily cope with the many difficult problems presented I deem an immediate increase in the force essential.

(2) *Adequate compensation.*—It is my opinion that the character of service rendered by the police force of the District of Columbia should set the standard for all other American municipalities. If this most desirable condition is to be brought about, the salaries paid must be such as to attract men of the highest caliber, and to that end I recommend the enactment of legislation providing for an entrance salary of $1,800 per annum for privates, with a maximum salary after five years of service of $2,500, the salaries of sergeants and higher officers to be fixed accordingly.

(3) *Increase of detective bureau personnel.*—I recommend that the personnel of the detective bureau be increased to at least 100 men, to be in two grades, 50 of whom should be rated as second grade or probationary detective sergeants with additional compensation equal to one-half the additional compensation paid detective sergeants, their advancement to the higher grade to be dependent on the character of work performed.

This plan would enable the department to assign men to specialized work in various types of law enforcement and at the same time leave available a sufficient force for such general assignments as are essential in the prosecution of the established work of the detective bureau.

(4) *Legislation conferring on all members of the Metropolitan police force the powers of prohibition enforcement agents.*—I urge, as a matter of real necessity, that section 28, title 2, of the national prohibition act be amended so that members of the Metropolitan police force will have the same authority as other officers of the Government enforcing laws relating to the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages. In the Volstead Act we are confronted with the only statute of this

character in force to-day in which it is found necessary to swear in members of the force as special agents of another branch of the Government in order to enable them to take proper action in case of violation of said act.

(5) *Special appropriation for enforcement of liquor and gambling laws.*—It is most urgently recommended that the sum of $10,000 be appropriated solely and specifically for procuring evidence and in the payment of reputable agents in the enforcement of the vice, liquor, and gambling laws, the expenditure from such appropriation to be approved by the commissioners upon the recommendation of the major and superintendent of police, such legislation to contain a definite provision setting forth clearly the fact that any part of the appropriation may be used either for the purchase of evidence or for the payment of informers, both of which procedures are absolutely essential to even the slightest measure of success in securing a reasonably effective enforcement of the laws referred to.

(6) *Transportation facilities.*—I recommend increased appropriations for the purchase of high-powered automobiles for assignment to the detective bureau and in cases of emergency to the various precincts.

The criminal has been quick to seize upon the motor vehicle as a means of increasing his efficiency, and surely the police department should be equally prompt in availing itself of all the methods offered by science and invention to circumvent the activities of the criminal class.

(7) *Police control of clubs.*—I can conceive of nothing more important to the law enforcement agency of any municipality than that it should have control of and freedom of entry into all clubs, whether incorporated or not.

A number of clubs have recently been established in the District of Columbia, admission thereto being restricted to so-called bona fide members, and while it is generally known to the police authorities that certain of such clubs are established purely for the purpose of gambling, it is difficult and in many cases impossible for the police to obtain sufficient evidence upon whicd to secure a warrant.

(8) *Legislation to regulate the business of executing bonds.*—I urgently recommend the passage of House bill 52, Seventieth Congress, first session, which contemplates effective legislation to regulate the business of executing bonds for compensation in criminal cases and to improve the administration of justice in the District of Columbia.

This proposed legislation, prepared by Mr. Gilbert, of Kentucky, will, if enacted into law and properly enforced, do much to eliminate certain features of the business of executing criminal bonds, which for years have been the cause of annoyance to the courts, prosecuting attorneys, and to the police.

(9) *Enactment of legislation which will permit pawnbrokers to operate in the District of Columbia.*—I urge the enactment of legislation to amend the act entitled "An act to regulate the business of loaning money on security of any kind by persons, firms, and corporations other than national banks, licensed bankers, trust companies, savings banks, building and loan associations, and real-estate brokers in the District of Columbia," approved February 4, 1913.

Under existing law 1 per cent per month is the maximum interest which can be charged on loans of the character contemplated in the

act of February 4, 1913, and it is of course utterly impossible for pawnbrokers to operate under said legislation.

Any such legislation should, of course, carry a provision placing pawnbrokers under the direct supervision of the police, and compelling them to make daily reports of all business transactions.

(10) *Police supervision of dances and dance halls.*—I renew the recommendation contained in the report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1927, for the enactment of legislation defining the term "dance hall" and providing specifically that no license for such a hall or for any public dance should be issued except upon approval of the superintendent of police, and that no person should engage in the business or profession of an instructor of dancing without first having obtained a license so to do; such license to be without fee and to be issued only after the applicant has established the fact that he is a person of good habits and morals.

(11) *Vagrancy law.*—I recommend the enactment of an effective vagrancy law.

(12) *Weapon law.*—I also recommend the enactment of an adequate law regulating the sale, carrying, and possession of dangerous weapons. An examination of the records contained in another part of this report with respect to the commission of crimes of violence will clearly indicate the need for the passage of such an act.

(13) *Automobile title law.*—I recommend the enactment of an automobile title law for the District of Columbia, the need for such legislation being obvious.

(14) *Drug addiction and medical practice regulations.*—I also recommend that legislation be enacted making drug addiction in the District of Columbia a felony and that the medical practice act be amended so as to provide for adequate regulations of persons practicing as chiropractors and osteopaths and of all other persons who attempt to treat disease, injury, or deformity.

(15) *Street railway crossing policemen.*—I invite attention to the report of this department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1925, dealing with the subject of street railway crossing policemen, which report contained a comprehensive outline of the various acts of Congress providing for the establishment and maintenance of the street railway crossing force.

The need for legislation which will provide for the payment of the salaries of members of such force from public funds is very necessary. The program of traffic light installation is going forward and will eventually result in the discontinuance of the service of these men at various street railway intersections, and it is therefore important that immediate legislation be enacted which will prevent the development of what will undoubtedly be a most embarrassing situation.

The reports of subordinate bureaus and officials of the department not included herein are on file at these headquarters for reference, and appended hereto as a part of this report will be found certain statistics essential to it.

HENRY G. PRATT,
Major and Superintendent.

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases

FELONIES

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held	
						1929	1928
Abandoning infant	1	1				1	2
Abduction	7	5	2	1		6	5
Adultery	179	104	75	27	7	145	117
Arson	6	2	4	3		3	9
Assault with a dangerous weapon	316	24	292	84	15	217	212
Assault with intent to kill	18	7	11	2		16	17
Assault with intent to rape	15	4	11	1	3	11	3
Assault with intent to rob	9		9	1		8	
Attempted prison breach	1	1				1	
Attempt to rape	6	4	2	2		4	13
Attempted robbery	12	1	11	6	2	4	28
Bigamy	10	7	3	2	1	7	5
Carnal knowledge	39	7	32	10	1	28	36
Embezzlement	66	45	21	11	2	53	131
False pretenses	157	95	62	16	2	139	170
Forgery	206	72	134	6	2	198	128
Grand larceny	618	282	336	91	26	501	445
Housebreaking	968	406	562	58	24	886	860
Larceny from District of Columbia government	34	5	29	4	2	28	6
Larceny from United States Government	11	5	6	2		9	18
Manslaughter	18	10	8			18	26
Mayhem	6	1	5	2		4	2
Murder	50	6	44			50	27
Pandering	5	2	3	4		1	1
Perjury	6	4	2			6	10
Petit larceny, second offense	3		3			3	1
Possession of smoking opium	1	1				1	
Rape	12	3	9	3	1	8	18
Receiving stolen goods	102	37	65	17	8	77	52
Robbery	225	81	144	36	15	174	254
Seduction	6	1	5			6	6
Sodomy	1	1				1	2
Violation of:							
Antinarcotic law	28	17	11		5	23	35
Bad check law	449	421	28	90		359	227
National motor-vehicle theft act	10	10		1		9	1
Traffic law—use or possession of smoke screen	15	7	8	1		14	4
White slave traffic law	8	8		2		6	16
District of Columbia Code of Law—							
Sec. 809. Procuring miscarriage	6	5	1			6	6
Sec. 815. Criminal libel	1		1			1	4
Sec. 819. Blackmail	2	2		1		1	10
Sec. 825. Depredation on fixtures in houses	24	16	8	1	1	22	442
Sec. 826b. Unauthorized use of vehicles	491	167	324	60	17	414	514
Sec. 836a. Possession of property stolen outside of the District of Columbia	13	10	3	1		12	14
Sec. 839. Mortgagor selling mortgaged property	3	3		1		2	8
Sec. 848. Injuring or destroying movable property	3	3				3	2
Sec. 851b. Larceny after trust	251	156	95	76	7	168	198
Sec. 858. Subornation of perjury	1	1				1	
Sec. 859. False personation before a court	2		2			2	
Sec. 860. False personation of judge or officer	8	6	2	7		1	1
Sec. 862. Intimidating juror or witness	1	1				1	
Sec. 863. Antilottery law	233	9	224	54	3	176	1
Sec. 865. Setting up or conducting a gaming table	89	74	15	16	4	69	143
Sec. 875. Incest	2		2			2	1
Sec. 909. Accessories to murder	2		2	1		1	
United States Criminal Code—							
Sec. 37. Conspiracy to commit an offense against the United States, (national prohibition law)	10	8	2			10	5
Secs. 148 and 151. Forging, counterfeiting, and passing, selling, or concealing forged obligations of the United States	5	5				5	11

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases—Continued

FELONIES—Continued

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held 1929	Held 1928
Violation of—Continued.							
United States Criminal Code—Contd.							
Sec. 195. Postal employee secreting, stealing, or embezzling mail matter	2	2				2	
Sec. 211. Sending obscene matter through the mails	1	1				1	
Sec. 218. Counterfeiting money orders	1	1				1	
Other laws							21
Total	4,775	2,157	2,618	701	148	3,926	4,268

MISDEMEANORS

Affray	6		6			6	13
Assault	2,674	833	1,841	455	171	2,048	1,979
Attempted false pretenses	4	4			1	3	1
Attempted housebreaking	14	3	11	6		8	23
Attempted larceny	50	22	28	14	2	34	28
Attempted unauthorized use of vehicles	1		1		1		6
Carrying weapons	313	75	238	29	16	268	288
Contempt of court	286	149	137	4	20	262	222
Contributing to delinquency of minors	1		1			1	4
Cruelty to animals	18	7	11	1	3	14	17
Desecrating the United States flag	1		1			1	
Desertion	30	30				30	31
Destroying private property	331	135	196	59	21	251	266
Destroying public property	22	12	10	1	1	20	17
Disorderly conduct	15,306	4,594	10,712	97	354	14,855	11,210
Failing to pay board bill	92	59	33	33	4	55	94
Fornication	759	267	492	16	13	730	613
Fugitives from—							
Board of Public Welfare	81	29	52			81	68
Industrial schools	32	16	16			32	20
Insane asylum	39	30	9			39	50
Justice	504	319	185		18	486	536
National Training School for Boys	23	12	11			23	17
National Training School for Girls	18	2	16			18	31
Parents	182	132	50			182	210
Held for—							
Immigration authorities	2	2				2	
Investigation	7,951	3,081	4,870		7,809	142	153
Mental observation	502	308	194			502	464
Military authorities	11	10	1			11	11
Naval authorities	4	4				4	2
United States marshal	124	83	41			124	176
Incorrigibility	64	21	43	3	3	58	67
Indecent assault	15	8	7	6		9	11
Indecent exposure	160	95	65	1	8	151	125
Indigent or dependent children	37	25	12			37	50
Keeping—							
Bawdyhouse	2	1	1	1		1	1
Dangerous dog	4	3	1			4	3
Disorderly house	334	172	162	25	16	293	267
Larceny by a trick	31	25	6	3		28	1
Massaging persons of opposite sex	4	2	2			4	
Nonsupport of wives and minor children	72	28	44			72	61
Nonsupport of bastard children	40	6	34			40	42
Nuisance	58	32	26	10		48	45
Permitting gambling on premises	464	211	253	36	12	416	493
Petit larceny	2,758	948	1,810	150	91	2,517	2,234
Selling tobacco to minors	4	4				4	1
Soliciting prostitution	167	15	152	2	5	160	92
Taking property without right	144	59	85	65	12	67	71
Threats of personal violence	588	267	321	172	60	356	330
Throwing missiles	15	6	9			15	7
Trespass	37	23	14	3		34	41
Turning in false alarm of fire	25	11	14			25	11
Unlicensed physicians	2	1	1			2	2
Vagrancy	820	385	435	15	57	748	750
Violation of—							
Building regulations	23	20	3	2	1	20	20
Child labor law	4	2	2		1	3	1
Compulsory education law (truancy)	2		2			2	2
Conditions of probation	25	11	14			25	22
Dog control law	161	44	117	2	2	157	140
Dog-muzzling regulations	194	66	128		6	188	126

Police statistics—Summary—Table of cases—Continued

MISDEMEANORS—Continued

Offense	Total	White	Colored	Nol-prossed	Dismissed	Held	
						1929	1928
Violations of—Continued.							
Female employment law	19	19			1	18	30
Fish law	1	1				1	1
Food law	1	1				1	2
Game law	3	3				3	3
Hacking law	172	132	40	3	4	165	87
Hacking regulations	211	185	26		2	209	111
Health regulations	384	309	75	9	1	374	388
Immigration law	6	6			1	5	6
Inaugural laws	42	39	3			42	
License law	341	123	218	5	6	330	275
National prohibition law, (as amended)—							
Sec. 3, title 2—							
Illegal possession	3,126	1,191	1,935	302	71	2,753	3,238
Manufacturing	71	57	14	14	1	56	73
Selling	1,077	317	760	102	29	946	1,349
Transporting	912	448	464	121	41	750	700
Sec. 19, title 2. Soliciting orders	1		1			1	
Sec. 21 title 2. Maintaining a common nuisance	13	13		2		11	9
Sec. 25, title 2. Possession of property designed for manufacture of liquor	15	11	4	6		9	10
Other laws governing the manufacture and sale of distilled spirits—							
Sec. 65, United States Criminal Code. Resisting revenue officers or destroying seized property	1	1				1	5
Sec. 3258, Revised Statutes. Setting up a still and failing to register same with collector of district	1	1				1	5
Sheppard law—							
Sec. 11. Drinking intoxicating liquor in public places	111	86	25		1	110	127
Sec. 11. Drunk in public places	13,942	8,662	5,280	34	87	13,821	13,686
Sec. 20. Operating vehicle (other than motor vehicle) while drunk	3		3			3	21
Park regulations	426	393	33			426	120
Pharmacy law	28	17	11			28	45
Plumbing regulations	16	13	3	5		11	41
Police regulations	2,456	1,856	600	19	33	2,404	1,459
Smoke law	66	66				66	133
Traffic law—							
Driving while under the influence of liquor or drugs	352	260	92	35	21	296	275
Fleeing from scene of accident	359	192	167	39	29	291	270
Operating on revoked or suspended permit	116	53	63	6	2	108	85
Operating without permit	1,775	801	974	34	27	1,714	1,842
Reckless driving	1,723	978	745	93	190	1,440	1,504
Speeding	7,557	6,037	1,520	63	75	7,419	7,042
Miscellaneous traffic regulations	45,518	35,164	10,354	136	218	45,164	30,127
Weights and measures laws	84	68	16			84	62
Workmen's compensation law	2	2				2	
District of Columbia Code of Law—							
Sec. 675. Removal of dead bodies	1		1		1		
Sec. 818. False charge of unchastity	3	3		2		1	3
Sec. 824. Unlawful entry on private property	18	12	6	4		14	15
Sec. 833-a. Disposing of personal property acquired on installment plan before same had been paid for	39	20	19	3		6	20
Sec. 851. Forcible entry and detainer	4	4		2		2	9
Sec. 864. Permitting sale of lottery tickets on premises	32	14	18	2		30	
Sec. 869. Pool selling, bookmaking, etc	31	27	4	3	2	26	37
Sec. 872. Indecent publications	19	19		9	1	9	2
Sec. 878. Unlawfully refilling and using mineral water bottles	3	3				3	
United States Criminal Code—							
Sec. 141. Rescuing prisoner, concealing person for whom warrant is issued	3		3			3	
Other laws and regulations							17
Witnesses held	83	29	54		53	30	299
Total	116,802	70,345	46,457	2,264	9,605	104,933	85,099

Cases of all kinds

	White	Colored	Total	
			1929	1928
Precinct:				
First	16,331	2,003	18,334	15,453
Second	5,787	11,402	17,189	10,944
Third	5,897	3,936	9,833	8,168
Fourth	2,585	5,419	8,004	8,493
Fifth	2,502	2,709	5,211	5,606
Sixth	5,712	3,188	8,900	9,251
Seventh	3,768	2,098	5,866	4,388
Eighth	1,692	5,118	6,810	5,734
Ninth	3,762	2,413	6,175	6,520
Tenth	3,349	1,528	4,877	3,953
Eleventh	1,411	1,550	2,961	2,769
Precinct—Con.				
Twelfth	1,989	563	2,552	2,330
Thirteenth	3,053	824	3,877	2,502
Fourteenth	1,952	624	2,576	2,637
Harbor	94	65	159	122
Bureau:				
Detective	2,492	1,803	4,295	4,158
Traffic	9,685	3,574	13,259	9,063
Woman's	441	258	699	842
Total	72,502	49,075	121,577	102,933

Disposition of cases

	1929	1928
Fined and paid	76,588	56,057
Fined and committed in default of payment	9,489	8,213
Committed without option of fine	2,305	2,398
Held for action of grand jury	2,353	2,619
Sent out of the city	25	15
Sent to—		
Gallinger Municipal Hospital	538	519
Industrial schools	165	62
Insane asylum	43	53
National Training School for Boys	176	179
National Training School for Girls	30	36
Dismissed, (investigation, etc.)	9,753	10,423
Nol-prossed	2,965	3,143
Not disposed of	7,702	7,586
Personal bonds taken	4,924	7,304
Placed under bonds	-------	87
Placed on probation	1,378	1,347
Sentence suspended	1,729	1,060
Delivered to—		
Board of Public Welfare	247	351
Immigration authorities	5	4
Military authorities	96	165
Naval authorities	22	21
Delivered to—Continued.		
Parents	312	387
United States marshal	367	495
United States Secret Service	2	-------
Connecticut authorities	1	3
Delaware authorities	2	1
Florida authorities	2	1
Georgia authorities	5	4
Kansas authorities	1	-------
Kentucky authorities	2	-------
Maryland authorities	191	199
Massachusetts authorities	3	6
Minnesota authorities	1	1
New Jersey authorities	6	8
New York authorities	4	4
North Carolina authorities	12	16
Ohio authorities	5	2
Pennsylvania authorities	25	11
South Carolina authorities	1	-------
Tennessee authorities	3	1
Virginia authorities	96	140
West Virginia authorities	3	2
Other institutions and jurisdictions	-------	10
Total	121,577	102,933

Classification of those charged with cases

	1929	1928
White	72,502	59,738
Colored	49,075	43,195
Total	121,577	102,933
Males	108,063	91,512
Females	13,514	11,421
Total	121,577	102,933
Able to read and write	119,091	101,305
Unable to read and write	2,486	1,628
Total	121,577	102,933
Males:		
Married	59,066	50,083
Single	48,997	41,429
Females:		
Married	7,525	6,379
Single	5,989	5,042
Total	121,577	102,933

Cases of all kinds, by precinct, with age limit and color

	Under 17 years of age		Over 17 and under 21 years of age		Over 21 years of age		Total	
	White	Colored	White	Colored	White	Colored	1929	1928
Precinct:								
First	120	65	1,285	238	14,926	1,700	18,334	15,453
Second	9	222	395	911	5,383	10,269	17,189	10,944
Third	54	96	399	357	5,444	3,483	9,833	8,168
Fourth	52	141	205	503	2,328	4,775	8,004	8,493
Fifth	184	159	291	347	2,027	2,203	5,211	5,606
Sixth	105	83	225	206	5,382	2,899	8,900	9,251
Seventh	75	51	611	231	3,082	1,816	5,866	4,388
Eighth	14	194	135	479	1,543	4,445	6,810	5,734
Ninth	130	105	404	317	3,228	1,991	6,175	6,520
Tenth	53	68	255	163	3,041	1,297	4,877	3,953
Eleventh	76	92	252	292	1,083	1,166	2,961	2,769
Twelfth	59	17	308	60	1,622	486	2,552	2,330
Thirteenth	40	24	449	112	2,564	688	3,877	2,502
Fourteenth	24	20	248	66	1,680	538	2,576	2,637
Harbor		4	7	4	87	57	159	122
Bureau:								
Detective	161	234	282	246	2,049	1,323	4,295	4,158
Traffic	44	34	1,261	434	8,380	3,106	13,259	9,063
Woman's	126	120	76	41	239	97	699	842
Total	1,326	1,729	7,088	5,007	64,088	42,339	121,577	102,933

Percentage of cases

	1929	1928
White	59.63	58.04
Colored	40.37	41.96
Convictions, (exclusive of those held for investigation and as witnesses)	95.88	94.14
Acquittals	1.51	2.52
Cases nol-prossed	2.61	3.34

Estimated value of losses and recoveries

	1929	1928
Property stolen	$1,983,530.50	$1,823,358.15
Property lost or mislaid	69,301.00	78,095.50
Total	2,052,831.50	1,901,453.65
Property recovered:		
Reported stolen	1,062,785.79	1,474,604.08
Reported lost or mislaid	6,710.13	15,585.84
Not reported stolen, lost or mislaid	73,319.60	59,468.24
Used as evidence	21,602.97	25,091.01
Belonging to persons alleged to be of unsound mind	9,361.90	8,032.19
Effects of deceased persons	26,905.51	14,171.69
Stolen in other jurisdictions	2,398.00	5,964.69
Total delivered to property clerk for disposition according to law	1,203,023.90	1,602,917.74
Returned to owners:		
Automobiles	233,174.00	193,870.50
Horses, wagons, boats, etc.	2,945.00	3,990.00
Miscellaneous articles	9,810.90	4,747.87
Total delivered to owners	245,929.90	202,614.37
Total value of property recovered by the department	1,448,953.80	1,805,532.11
Value of property recovered by owners	56,904.00	76,864.00
Grand total recovered	1,505,857.80	1,882,396.11

Estimated value of money and valuables recovered

	1929	1928
Returned to owners	$245,929.90	$202,614.37
Delivered to property clerk	1,203,023.90	1,602,917.74
Delivered to poundmaster	340.00	475.00
Delivered to Internal Revenue Bureau (prohibition enforcement unit)	119,866.60	121,368.20
Taken from prisoners and returned, orders of officer in charge	936,793.65	988,797.18
Collateral delivered to collector at police court	862,046.00	683,762.00
Collateral delivered to clerk at juvenile court	3,784.00	2,166.00
Collected in nonsupport cases and delivered to clerk at juvenile court	45,761.15	45,784.02
Total	3,417,545.20	3,647,884.51

Arrests by officers patroling on bicycles and motor cycles

	Arrests	Fines imposed
1925	19,671	$172,861
1926	19,914	154,686
1927	18,643	131,797
1928	26,194	151,820
1929	31,767	195,170

Miscellaneous reports

	1929	1928		1929	1928
Abandoned infants found	3	3	Fountains damaged	14	15
Accidents reported	12,388	11,392	Homicides	58	42
Animals found astray	34	39	Hydrants damaged	49	30
Animals delivered to poundmaster	90	132	Inquests attended	238	211
Animals delivered to property clerk	1	4	Lamps damaged	984	1,139
Attempted suicides	269	280	Lamps not lighted:		
Back gates found open	432	457	Electric	8,571	9,511
Damaged trees and tree boxes	1,259	1,325	Gas	1,580	2,620
Dangerous bridges	6	15	Lost children found	101	111
Dangerous buildings	38	50	Permits examined:		
Dangerous holes in roadway	13,699	6,886	Building	2,316	2,450
Dangerous or broken pavements	3,397	3,516	Miscellaneous	4,002	4,561
Dead animals reported	4,850	4,972	Rescued from drowning	22	13
Dead bodies found	55	42	Sewers:		
Dead infants found	28	55	Damaged	191	198
Deaths (coroner notified—no inquest)	447	402	Filthy	129	120
Doors and windows found open	931	1,209	Suicides	80	100
Drowned bodies recovered	34	28	Telephone messages	284,363	299,517
False alarms of fire	184	172	Trips made by:		
Fast riding motor cycle	122	178	Launches	609	680
Fast driving automobile	7,177	6,975	Tug	17	-------
Fast running street car	2	-------	Vessels:		
Filthy alleys and gutters	161	104	Assisted	4	16
Fire plugs damaged	81	57	Moved to lawful anchorage	1	-------
Fires attended	2,882	2,567	Ordered moved to lawful anchorage	2	1
Found sick on boats	41	10	Water mains damaged	450	437
Found sick on street	1,017	814	Water pipes damaged	518	538

Report of accidents and casualties for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929

	Deaths		Serious casualties		Minor casualties		Total injured		Property loss only		Total casualties		Minus [1]		Total number of casualties and traffic accidents	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
Assaults:																
Bitten					8	24	8	24			8	24			8	24
Firearms			13	9	92	82	105	91			105	91			105	91
Indecent					17	20	17	20			17	20			17	20
Knife, razor, etc			14	21	540	491	554	512			554	512			554	512
Missiles			2	2	104	92	106	94			106	94			106	94
Other weapons			8	3	388	472	396	475			396	475			396	475
Miscellaneous			9	2	351	362	360	364			360	364			360	364
Total injured							1,546	1,580								
Total casualties			46	37	1,500	1,543					1,546	1,580			1,546	1,580
Deaths:																
Homicides	42	57					42	57			42	57			42	57
Found dead, sudden deaths from natural causes	259	278					259	278			259	278			259	278
Suicides	100	80					100	80			100	80			100	80
Without medical attention	92	96					92	96			92	96			92	96
Total	493	511					493	511			493	511			493	511
Persons conveyed to hospitals, homes, or otherwise assisted:																
Alcoholism	9	9			284	286	293	295			293	295			293	295
Fits	1				174	162	175	162			175	162			175	162
Heat	1	2			17	66	18	68			18	68			18	68
Other illness					525	557	525	557			525	557			525	557
Total	11	11			1,000	1,071	1,011	1,082			1,011	1,082			1,011	1,082
Abandoned infants											1	5			1	5
Attempt suicide											280	282			280	282
Criminal operation	1						1				1				1	
Inquest held											192	209			192	209
Total	1						1				474	496			474	496

[1] Minus: More than 1 person injured in 1 traffic accident.

Report of accidents and casualties for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929—Continued

	Deaths		Serious casualties		Minor casualties		Total injured		Property loss only		Total casualties		Minus		Total number of casualties and traffic accidents	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
Accidents:																
Baseball					8	11	8	11			8	11			8	11
Bitten by dogs			1		488	619	489	619			489	619			489	619
Burned	12	11	15	11	107	105	134	127			134	127			134	127
Coasting					5	3	5	3			5	3			5	3
Drowned	17	29					17	29			17	29			17	29
Explosion	1				4	2	5	2			5	2			5	2
Electric shock	1	4			1	8	2	12			2	12			2	12
Elevators	1	4	1	3	11	15	13	22			13	22			13	22
Firearms	5	3	2	2	42	33	49	38			49	38			49	38
Football					2	13	2	13			2	13			2	13
Gas	21	21	6	2	82	119	109	142			109	142			109	142
Hydroplane	1				5	6	6	6			6	6			6	6
Poison	2	3	1	1	35	89	38	93			38	93			38	93
Miscellaneous	27	28	6	8	478	445	511	481			511	481			511	481
Total injured							1,388	1,598								
Total casualties	88	103	32	27	1,268	1,468					1,388	1,598			1,388	1,598
Accidents, falls:																
Down stairways	5	3	3	5	62	86	70	94			70	94			70	94
Buildings, ladders, and scaffolds	4	3	1	9	65	76	70	88			70	88			70	88
Windows	8	2	1	4	21	22	30	28			30	28			30	28
Into river, canal, etc., and rescued					11	16	11	16			11	16			11	16
In street					132	135	132	135			132	135			132	135
Miscellaneous	3	5	5	1	152	246	160	252			160	252			160	252
Total injured							473	613								
Total casualties	20	13	10	19	443	581					473	613			473	613
Accidents, bicycles, collision with:																
Cars						1		1				1				1
Motor vehicles					18	22	18	22	2	9	20	31			20	31
Other vehicles						1		1	1		1	1			1	1
Struck by	1				14	15	15	15			15	15			15	15
Miscellaneous		1			2	2	2	3		2	2	5		1	2	4

Total injured							35	42								
Total casualties	1	1			34	41			3	11	38	53				
Minus														1		
Total number of traffic accidents															38	52
Accidents, motor vehicles, collision with:																
Bicycles	2	1			77	101	79	102	22	43	101	145	4	1	97	144
Cars	1				27	35	28	35	90	137	118	172	6	9	112	163
Motor vehicles	8	6			728	1,679	736	1,085	1,442	2,850	2,178	3,935	184	234	1,994	3,701
Other vehicles					14	23	14	23	24	33	38	56	2	3	36	53
Struck by	56	63			1,181	1,625	1,237	1,688			1,237	1,688	30	43	1,207	1,645
Miscellaneous	10	10			210	241	220	251	220	263	440	514	64	82	376	432
Total injured							2,314	3,184								
Total casualties	77	80			2,237	3,104			1,798	3,326	4,112	6,510				
Minus													290	372		
Total number of traffic accidents															3,822	6,138
Accidents, street cars, collision with:																
Bicycles					1		1			2	1	2			1	2
Cars					9	14	9	14	2	4	11	18		7	11	11
Motor vehicles	1				49	49	50	49	141	307	191	356	18	10	173	346
Other vehicles					2	1	2	1	5	2	7	3			7	3
Struck by	9	6			53	84	62	90			62	90		2	62	88
Miscellaneous						2		2		4		6				6
Total injured							124	156								
Total casualties	10	6			114	150			148	319	272	475				
Minus													18	19		
Total number of traffic accidents															254	456
Accidents, steam railways:																
Miscellaneous		1						1				1				1
Total injured								1								
Total casualties		1										1				
Total number of traffic accidents																1
Accidents, horse-drawn vehicles, collision with:																
Motor vehicles					5	2	5	2	8	9	13	11			13	11
Struck by						2		2				2				2
Runaway						1		1				1				1
Miscellaneous					3	1	3	1	1	4	4	5			4	5
Total injured							8	6								
Total casualties					8	6			9	13	17	19				
Total number of traffic accidents															17	19

Report of accidents and casualties for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929—Continued

	Deaths		Serious casualties		Minor casualties		Total injured		Property loss only		Total casualties		Minus		Total number of casualties and traffic accidents	
	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929	1928	1929
Summary:																
Assaults			46	37	1,500	1,543	1,546	1,580			1,546	1,580			1,546	1,580
Deaths, homicides, suicides, sudden deaths	493	511					493	511			493	511			493	511
Alcholism, fits, heat, and other illness	11	11			1,000	1,071	1,011	1,082			1,011	1,082			1,011	1,082
Miscellaneous	109	116	42	46	1,711	2,049	1,862	2,211			1,862	2,707			1,862	2,707
Total	613	638	88	83	4,211	4,663	4,912	5,384			4,912	5,880			4,912	5,880
Traffic casualties:																
Bicycles	1	1			34	41	35	42	3	11	38	53		1	38	52
Motor vehicles	77	80			2,237	3,184	2,314	3,184	1,798	3,326	4,112	6,510	290	372	3,822	6,138
Steam railways		1						1				1				1
Street railways	10	6			114	150	124	156	148	319	272	475	18	19	254	456
Other vehicles					8	6	8	6	9	13	17	19			17	19
Total	88	88			2,393	3,301	2,481	3,389	1,958	3,669	4,439	7,058	308	392	4,131	6,666
Grand total of casualties and traffic accidents	701	726	88	83	6,604	7,964	7,393	8,773	1,958	3,669	9,351	12,938	308	392	9,043	12,564

○